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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT TALKS: GUB-RTG COOPERATION

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### SUMMARY:

A. DURING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BANGKOK DCM AND RANGOON NARCOTICS TEAM, CONCLUSION EMERGED THAT WHILE DEPARTMENT'S STRATAGEM FOR ENGENDERING GREATER GUB-RTG NARCOTICS COOPERATION HAS UNDOUBTED MERITS, WE ARE ZYALING WITH A LONGXYRANGE PROPOSITION, THE FULL ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH CAN ONLY COME ABOUT GRADUALLY. PROBLEMS CREATED BY PREVIOUS RTG'S TOLERANCE AND SUPPORT. THAILAND BASED BURMESE INSURGENT GROUPS AND BASIC MISTRUST OF PRESENT BURMESE GOVERNMENT BY THE THAIS WERE RECOGNIZED AS UNFORTUNATE REALITIES, INHIBITING GUB DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH RTG.

B. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS MOST HELPFUL AND GAVE EACH SIDE KEENER INSIGHTS INTO THAI-BURMA PART OF TRI-BORDER NARCOTICS PROBLEM. END SUMMARY

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1. DURING MEETINGS LAST WEEK BETWEEN EMBASSY BANGKOK DCM MASTERS AND EMBASSY RANGOON NARCOTICS TEAM EACH SIDE

GAINED GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE OTHER'S NARCOTICS PROBLEMS.

FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED:

A. EMBASSY RANGOON NOW HAS ABGED UNDERSTANDING OF FACT THAT NARCOTICS FORMS ONLY PART, ALBEIT VERY SIGNIFICANT ONE, OF EMBASSY BANGKOK'S TOTAL EFFORTS WITH RTG. BASIC MISTRUST OF NE WIN GOVERNMENT" BY THAIS WAS RECOGNIZED AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OVERALL PICTURE.

B. DCM MASTERS SAW MORE STRONGLY HOW RTG'S TOLERANCE OF ANTI-GUB INSURGENTS/DISSIDENTS EXACERBATES SITUATION VIS-A-VIS GUB. REASONS FOR GUB'S RELUCTANCE TO CO-OPERATE WITH RLM IN PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES ALSO CAME MORE TO SURFACE.

2. RTG-GUB COOPERATION, WHILE RECOGNIZED BY BOTH EMBASSIES AS DESIRABLE AIM, WAS SEEN AS A DISTANT GOAL RATHER THAN A SHORT RUN OBJECTIVE. IT HINGES ESSENTIALLY ON RESTORATION OF MUTUAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE BETWEEN BURMESE AND THAIS. BASIC MOTIVATION FOR IMPROVEMENT MUST COME FROM GUB AND RTG THEMSELVES, WITH OUR OWN ROLE, WHILE IMPORTANT, NOT THE CONTROLLING ONE.

FURTHERMORE, OUR EFFORTS MUST BE CONDUCTED WITH CIRCUMSPECTION IF WE ARE NOT TO INCUR RESENTMENT BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS AT WHAT THEY COULD REGARD AS UNWARRANTED INTERVENTION IN THEIR BILATERAL PROBLEMS.

3. THEREFORE, WASHINGTON'S POSITION NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE RTG-GUB COOPERATION A CONDITION FOR PROVISION OF NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A WISE ONE.

4. MEANS WHEREBY BOTH EMBASSIES MIGHT ENCOURAGE INCIPIENT GUB-RTG CLOSER RELATIONS ON STEP BY STEP BASIS WERE NEVERTHELESS DISCUSSED, AND INCLUDED:

A. TALKS BETWEEN POLICE OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

B. CUSTOMS COOPERATION AT BORDER.

CEHM OETUAL EXCHANGE VISITS OF PERSONNEL BOTH AT BORDER AND IN RANGOON AND BANGKOK.

D. POOLING OF VIES ON INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS.

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E. FOLLOWUP ON GUB FOREIGN MINISTER'S SUGGESTION TO THAI AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 20, 1973 (WHEN HELICOPTER PERSONNEL RELEASED) THAT RTG MIGHT INFORM GUB IN ADVANCE WHEN HELO FLIGHTS ON NARCOTICS OPERATIONS PLANNED CLOSE TO BORDER.

5. ALONG THESE LINES, DCM MASTERS SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR KINTNER BRING TO ATTENZGON OF KEY RTG LEADERS IN OFFICIAL CALLS DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE CAUSED BY RTG'S TOLERANCE OF BURMESE INSURGENT GROUPS, AND SEEK SOME

UNDERTAKING TO LOOK TOWARDS COOPERATION WITH GUB  
IN CARRYING OUT INTERDICTIONS AGAINST NARCOTICS  
TRAFFICKING. (WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE GENERAL SUBJECT  
WAS RAISED DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON DEPUTY PRIME  
MINISTER JANUARY 7).

6. WHEN GUB RESPONDS TO OUR EQUIPMENT OFFER (AND  
ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT ATTITUDE IS POSITIVE), EMBASSY  
BANGKOK WOULD INFORM RTG IN GENERAL TERMS OF  
OFFER, PROVIDING RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED PROGRAM  
AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS  
TO THAI. POINTS REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF RTG-GUB NARCOTICS  
COOPERATION WOULD AGAIN BE MADE.

7. AS STATED REF B, EMBASSY RANGOON MEANWHILE PLANS  
INFORM THE GUB, PERHAPS WHEN RESPONSE TO EQUIPMENT  
OFFER IS RECEIVED, THAT RTG IS ALSO BEING OFFERED  
ADDITIONAL ANTI-NARCOTICS ASSISTENCE  
AND THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THEREY BECOMES  
MORE IMPORTANT.

8. PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS  
MOST HELPFUL, GIVING EACH SIDE AN ADDED PERSPECTIVE.  
EMBASSY RANGOON FOUND DCM MASTERS' CONTRIBUTIONS VERY  
VALUABLE.

9. EMBASSY BANGKOK HAS SEEN AND AGREED TO THIS  
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